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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: 07-30-07
Date/Time of Occurrence: 07-23-06 through 07-26-07
Nature of Call: Fraud
Location of Call: AM/PM 9300 Chantry Hill Road, Newcastle
Case Number: 07-10577
Released by: Lt. Ausnow

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

On 07-26-07 an alert citizen visited the AM/PM Gas Station in Newcastle. When he went to prepay for his gas at the outside kiosk he observed that the card reader did not look right. When he pulled on the apparatus a portion of it fell off into his hands. It was later determined that this device had been placed on the kiosk by a criminal enterprise. The citizen contacted the Placer County Sheriff's Department who recovered the "Card Skimmer."

Since the discovery of the "Card Skimmer"; Placer County Sheriff's Department has been contacted by several residents who have noticed that cash has been removed from their checking accounts. All of the victims have recently used the Kiosk in Newcastle.

The suspects have used the skimmer to obtain the victim's Debit card information and later down load the information to another card to be used by the suspects. This is the second time in seven months that a device has been recovered from this business.

Video images of the suspects are available upon request for news agencies.

In February 2006 the Placer County Sheriff's Department also conducted an investigation regarding this type of theft and a suspect was arrested. The suspect in that case has since pled guilty in Federal Court.

Law Enforcement encourages all consumers to take precautions when using credit and debit cards to ensure that the ATM or kiosk has not been manipulated prior to using it. If the machine does not look normal please contact your local law enforcement agency. PLEASE CONTACT DETECTIVE HUDSON AT THE PLACER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THIS CRIME AT 530-889-7800.

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